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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LEGISLATIVE )  
PETITION FOR REVIEW AND )  
RECOMMENDATIONS ON )  
DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY )  
UTILITY BILL TRANSPARENCY )  
(FILED JUNE 20, 2013) )

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PSC DOCKET NO. 13-250

**SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF JOHN A. NICHOLS**

The undersigned hereby supplements his request for intervenor status.

1. My 7/10/13 request to intervene in this matter was written before reconstructive back surgery a few days later. Under other circumstances, I would have laid out my request in greater detail. Nevertheless, it is surprising that the Public Advocate's office has been so vehement in opposing my request, not only submitting an initial objection (7/23/13), but also filing lengthy exceptions (8/5/13) to the ruling of the hearing officer granting my request.

2. Nothing that I have said (or intend to say) conflicts with the Public Advocate's responsibility to represent the public interest; but there is no reason why this responsibility should be *exclusive*, i.e., that *no one else* can be permitted to represent the public interest – at least without approval of the Public Advocate. This position seems to confuse advocacy with decision-making (which is vested in the Public Service Commission).

3. The statement that the petitioners, the Public Advocate and the Caesar Rodney Institute, will “bring the same perspective to the proceedings as Mr. Nichols will” is unsupported. I would respectfully submit that my contribution to the proceeding would prove helpful and, in any case, would cause no conceivable harm.

4. Over the past several years, I have participated actively in energy policy matters in this state – becoming quite knowledgeable about the area in the process. I was accepted as

an intervenor in Delmarva Power's application for approval of a modified fixed variable rate design for electricity rates (filed 6/25/09). My involvement in this matter presented no obstacle to the proceeding.

5. The transparency issue involved in this proceeding is not simply a question of whether the cost of the several energy tariffs will or will not be disclosed; there are also questions as to how the costs involved should be calculated and shown. With all due respect to the other intervenors, I believe that my inputs on these issues would be useful.

6. If the Commissioners request additional information concerning my application, I would be pleased to provide it.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Nichols

August 8, 2013